

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 7, 2015

The City of Clewiston is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2015. If you know of someone who you feel deserves this honor, please stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is today!

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.

Dates to Remember:

August 11, 2015 - Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Advisory Board

August 13, 2015 – City Commission Workshop

August 17, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- We have received plans for a 3 bedroom/2 bath Single Family Residence in Orchard Park. This home is located on Harvest Lane and will have 1,655 square feet of living space. This is the 35th new home, out of 79 total buildable lots, to be permitted in Orchard Park.
- Annual fire/safety inspections for the schools have been started and are progressing smoothly.
- Approximately 540 Local Business Tax Receipts are being printed and mailed for the upcoming 2015/2016 year.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Officers serving a search warrant on a home in Harlem tied to a previous robbery in Clewiston, discovered a small stash of illegal narcotics. The State has now issued a warrant for the arrest of the suspect.
- Public Drunk and Open Container arrests remain high as officers continue the effort in our streets. The push is coordinated closely with Code Enforcement efforts to beautify and clean up our community.
- Detectives working on the burglaries which occurred a couple weeks ago have recovered a considerable amount of property and developed a couple of suspects in the cases.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1101** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 646** Complaints Investigated
 - 24** Arrests Made
 - 36** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 72** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 3** City Ordinance Violations
 - 10** New Code Enforcement Violations
 - 7** Rental Inspections
 - 28** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap counts have consistently been on the rise. Spray operations have been increased to twice a week.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Dwarf Royal Palms were planted at City Hall this week. Two more trees are scheduled to be planted next to the parking area. (2) The public parking area on North Deane Duff has been paved and will be striped soon and wheel stops installed. (3) A piece of sidewalk pulled for a water line repair was poured on Tuesday.
- US27 Rebuild: Forty-five days into the project. Traffic control devices, pedestrian crossing, guard rail replacement, and a foot bridge are the projects at the top of the list now.
- Boat Basin Project: Work is scheduled to begin on August 13th and be finished up by the 20th. It is planned to shut down only half of the parking at a time and leave at least two ramps open for use. A sign is being put together to inform the public of the duration of this project.
- West Pasadena Project: Bids are due at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall on August 13.
- Civic Park Rebuild: Thursday's pour was canceled because of wet conditions. It has been rescheduled for Tuesday morning. Sean has been in communication with the Elks Club, who is providing the metal work at the park entrance and has spoken with the VFW Commander about their help in providing flag poles. He has a request in to State Representative Matt Hudson for funding the Fallen Soldier Statue. Sean wants to make residents aware that this is a Community Project and anyone that would like to donate time or money to help its further development is invited to come sit down with him and see where you can help.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Sports Complex staff has completed aerating and fertilizing all the game fields.
- The C.S. Mott Pool and James Mason Pool will continue its hours of operation for community swim through August 10th. Both pools will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- ALL Parks will be sprayed this week for evasive weeds and mulch was raked back into the swing pits and slide landing areas, weather allowing.
- The Senior Citizen's will be taking a "Lunchtime" daytrip to Roland and MaryAnn Martin's Marina for a facility tour, shopping trip, and lunch at the Tiki Bar and then participate in an afternoon tour of our City and of the Clewiston Museum. Thanks to the Clewiston Chamber for use of the bus and Butch Wilson offering to help as our "Tour Guide" for the day.
- Plans are being set to alter the Clewiston Recreation "Fish Camp" to meet a greater audience and provide a better program for the family and kids. More information to follow.
- Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation:
 - Co-ed Adult Softball League "End of Season Tournament" on field #9 at Sugarland Sports Complex on Tuesday Aug. 4th and Thursday Aug. 6th
 - Adult Men's Basketball Leagues "End of Season Tournament" at Harlem Gym on Tuesday Aug. 4th and Thursday Aug. 6th.
 - Church Event at John B. Boy Auditorium Friday Aug. 7th and Sat. Aug. 8th
 - Aug. 8th – Family Reunion at Youth Center 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Aug. 8th – Family Reunion at Sugarland Sports Complex Pavilion Park 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Aug. 8th – Birthday Party at Sweetest Town Playground Pavilion #4 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - Aug. 8th – Pool Party at C.S. Mott Pool 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Aug. 9th – Birthday Party at Sugarland Sports Complex Pavilion Park 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed volleyball league this summer or youth flag football and AAU Track and Field during the late summer, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Water/Sewer crew ran a new water line to the fountain at Civic Park. They changed out lift station pumps at Walgreens and the Water Treatment Plant.
- The Electric crew made street light repairs in Harlem and straightened poles on the Harlem Academy Street feeder line. A tree was trimmed on Ponce de Leon and the Weather Bug station was installed for NBC2 News.
- Effective October 1, 2015, Clewiston Utilities will no longer mail the yellow reminder/late notice.

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!**
Visit our office today.